(c) The Department of Tourism has sanctioned the following amounts for tourism projects during 10th Five Year Plan so far:

(Rs. in lakhs)

State	Amount sanctioned
Arunachal Pradesh	198.84
Assam	923.59
Mainpur	87.68
Meghalaya	71.85
Mizoram	347.01
Nagaland	816.50
Tripura	258.34
Sikkim	896.74

State-wise allocation made by the Archeological Survey of India for conservation of momuments is as under (2003-2004):

(Rs. in lakhs)

State	Amount allocated
Assam	130.00
Arunachal Pradesh	12.00
Manipur	2.00
Nagaland	15.00
Meghalaya	16.00
Tripura	25.00
Sikkim	53.80

Restoration of original structures in Delhi

2289. SHRI RAJ KUMAR DHOOT: Will the Minister of TOURISM AND CULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that there are allegations against ASI for destroying the original structure in the garb of renovation of old historical monuments in Delhi;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the steps taken to restore original shape of old monuments?

THE MINISTER OF TOURISM AND CULTURE (SHRI JAGMOHAN): (a) to (c) In a public Interest Litigation filed in the Supreme Court, a few faults have been alleged about the nature of conservation and restoration work undertaken by the Archaeological Survey of India in the Red Fort, the Archaeological Survey of India/Government of India have refuted the alleged faults in a sworn affidavit and submitted that the entire restoration/conservation work has been carried out by the Archaeological Survey of India in accordance with the provisions of the Conservation Manual and well established norms as well as valid documents and old records which are in the archives of the Archaeological Survey in India.

On December 22,2003, the Ministry of Defence/Army Headquarters have transferred the entire Red Fort monument to the Ministry of Tourism and Culture/Archaeological Survey of India. Previously, only about 30 per cent of the Red Fort area was with the Archaeological Survey of India/ Ministry of Tourism and Culture.

A number of steps for conservation and restoration of the Red Fort have already been taken in the area which was previously in the possession of the Archaeological Survey of India and the remaining measures are in hand.

The steps already taken include:

1. A nauseating slum, known as "Chor Bazaar" and an area with open urinals and clogged drains, has been replaced by an enchanting park which stretches from the northern extremity of the Fort to the area fronting Raj Ghat.
2. Similar treatment has been accordeed to the vast uneven and uncared for area on Chandni Chowk side which has been converted into a beautiful national park-August 15 Park.
3. The entire surface of the Fort walls-21,219 square metres-has been thoroughly washed and chemically cleaned.
4. The 1.7 kilometre long moat with massive slush accumulated over the years has been cleared. About 23,000 cubic metres of debris, with a load of 3,500 trucks, has been lifted from it.

5. About 2,200 square metres of pathways which were of flag stones and were subsequently damaged and replaced by 'morram', have,been relaid in accordance with the original design. The shell plaster on the walls of Mumtaz Mahal, Rang Mahal, Hamma, which had peeled off, has been refixed.

6. All the 23 red sandstone Jali-windows, which had broken, have been remade and refixed.

7. Diwan-I-Khas Mahal, Naubat-Khana, Tehkhana, too, have been restored to their old glory.

8. The old underground passage to the Yamuna River Front, under the Musamman Burj, has been cleared and opened on the Ring Road side.

9. A special treatment has been accorded to a virtually unknown baoli-step-well-which hides a small but an inspiring part of history of our freedom struggle.

10. A new underground Ticket House' has also been constructed and 'Light and Sound Show' upgraded.

The area (70 per cent) which was transferred yesterday by the Ministry of Defence/Army Headquarters to the Ministry of Tourism and Culture/Archaeological Survey of India, would be planned for taking proper conservation and restoration measures. For undertaking necessary work in this regard, a high-level Advisory Committee has been constituted and further action in the matter is in hand.

Promotion of wild life tourism

2290. SHRISURENDRALATH: Will the Minister of TOURISM AND CULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is a vast scope to promote wild life tourism in the country particularly in Orissa;

(b) if so, the steps taken by Government in that regard during the last three years;

(c) the amount spent thereon in various projects/schemes; and

(d) what are the details thereof, State-wise and year-wise?